



# The NBC Anchor

Newsletter of the Noank Baptist Church, Noank CT

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## JUNE 2017

### *One Great Hour of Sharing 2017*



The theme for the OGHS 2017 offering is **“You are here”**. *“I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink...I was hungry and you gave me food...I was a stranger and you welcomed me”*

Matthew 25:35

This scripture reminds us that we need to respond to those who are hungry, thirsty, or a stranger. Our OGHS offering is used to respond to others. Even when we cannot be physically there, our offerings will help with whatever crisis is at hand. Examples around the world are: China-Flood Relief; Ecuador-Earthquake Relief; India-Cyclone Relief; Lebanon-Refugee Relief; and Ukraine-Civil Conflict Relief. Here at home: Iowa-Flood Relief; Kentucky-Tornado Relief; Nebraska-Arson Relief; South Carolina-Hurricane Relief; and Michigan-Flint Water Crisis.

As you can see, there are many needs to be met. Please respond as you are able. **The offering will be received during communion on June 4.** Offering envelopes will be sent with the June Newsletter and will also be available in the pew racks during the month of June.

## Children’s Day

Sunday, June 11—10:00 am

Children’s Day is always one of the highlights of our year, as the children of Lighthouse Cove lead us in worship. They bring what they have learned, what they had done, and all their songs of joy! Even if your child or grandchild is not a part of the weekly program, come to support them and celebrate the children in our midst! We will also recognize our high school graduates. Join us after worship in the vestry for a pizza party and friendship fruit salad.



### Summer Services at Noank Baptist

Beginning June 18, 2017

**Early Service @ 8:00 am**—Each week a different topic and leader will guide participants in a time of song, reflection, study, prayer and discussion. It is an informal gathering in the Parlor, so you can wear your casual clothes and even shorts! If you are interested in signing up to lead one of these services (a solo act or with someone else), a sign-up sheet is available on the table in the Narthex, or give Gloria a call in the church office M-F 9 am to noon at 860-536-7129.

**Traditional Service @ 10:00 am**—Our traditional worship will take place in the Sanctuary each Sunday with Pastor Hayes or guests preaching and a variety of musical talents to inspire us in faith.

**Fellowship Hour @ 11:00 am**—We are need of weekly coordinators. Are you willing to help out one time over the summer months? If so, please call the church office and let us know.

**Adult Discussion Group @ 11:15 am**—We will gather in the Chapel after worship for an adult discussion group with Frank Murdock. The topic for the month of June will be *“The Spirit in the Old Testament”*.



Recently, the White House announced a change in policy through an Executive Order to relax the “Johnson Amendment”, enacted over a half century ago to prevent tax-exempt organizations from publicly endorsing political parties and candidates. Since a change in Section 501(c)(3) of the federal tax code would require Congressional action, the President chose to simply instruct the IRS not to aggressively pursue violators. This sounds rather benign, but much like the Citizens United case, it could play havoc in future elections.

When the charitable dollar can be spent to support partisan politics, then it will corrupt the democratic process even more and, in particular, it would virtually dismantle the time-honored “wall of separation” between church and state. Houses of worship could easily become formal stages for political campaigns.

Frankly, to change things only seems to benefit politicians. Many pulpits across this country are already platforms for expressing moral and ethical values which have political relevance and impact. This is not only normal and acceptable, it is a historic moral duty of the preacher to proclaim a word that speaks to the issues of the time. To do otherwise is to be in denial of the challenges of daily life, injustices in society, or to neglect the concerns of the forgotten. History has shown that prophetic voices often ignite needed social reform. To mute this would be detrimental to the welfare of society.

However, to give political parties access to pulpits will only corrupt the integrity of moral suasion. At present, a wide spectrum of concerns can be raised when proclaimers are free to speak their minds—concerns that may or may not align with interests on the political Right or Left. If partisan politics get in the way, then religious leaders will be more obligated to merely parrot politicians rather than speak truth to power, which is potentially disastrous. Most spiritual leaders recognize the downside of mixing religion with party politics. Though a handful will take advantage of the opportunity to promote a Republican or Democratic agenda, the far majority will likely distance themselves from it for the sake of not blunting their own free expression of theology and faith.



As a Baptist, this is central to our religious sensibilities. The proverbial “wall of separation” articulated by Thomas Jefferson was in response to a concern raised by Connecticut Baptists over a federal declaration of days of prayer and fasting. Though the meaning of the metaphor has been debated since 1801, its common understanding is akin to the Establishment Clause in the Constitution, i.e., for the state and church to maintain separate identities, with neither the state meddling in church affairs or the church imposing its will upon the state. This doesn’t exclude the church from speaking to issues of the day, even so far as to rally support for singular causes (e.g., abolition, women’s suffrage, civil rights, peacemaking, etc.), but it should prevent religious organizations from endorsing party platforms and candidates. In that sense, the “Johnson Amendment” has served us well.

Ultimately, citizens of this country should be able to choose who they support politically for reasons that may or may not reflect their religious faith. Faith may inspire, but not likely dictate, choices made. Choices are made by the person’s conscience. It only makes sense to keep it that way.

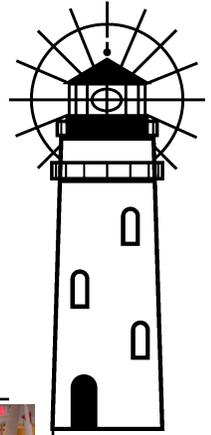


## *Children and Family Ministries*

### ***PRAISE and THANKS to OUR TEACHERS***

June 11 marks the end of another great year in Christian Education for our NBC children thanks to the dedication and love of our wonderful Christian Education volunteer staff. Please take the time to express your gratitude to our teachers and leaders as they have given much of their time, energy and heart to our children.

***Christine Keenan, Dorothy Reas, Catherine Bates, Kelly Gordon Taylor, Shannon Weigle, Shawn Thorp, Tim Bates and Marti Bradshaw***



	<p><b>Nursery and Preschool: Teachers</b>  <b>Christine Keenan</b>  <b>&amp; Dorothy Reas</b></p>	
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	<p><b>Primary Class Teachers: Catherine Bates</b>  <b>&amp; Kelly Gordon Taylor</b></p>	
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<p><b>Intermediate Class Teachers:</b>  <b>Shawn Thorp and Shannon Weigle</b></p>	
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	<p><b>Middle School Teacher:</b>  <b>Tim Bates</b></p>
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<p><b>High School Class Teacher:</b>  <b>Marti Bradshaw</b></p>	
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<p><b><i>Summer Friendship Gatherings</i></b>  <b><i>June 18-July 30</i></b></p>	<p>We would like to invite the children in your lives to participate in a great opportunity to make new friends and grow in faith. Bring your kids, neighbor's kids, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, friends and out-of-town visiting kids for a short Bible story, crafts and games to our Summer Friendship Gathering for children K-4th grade. They won't be disappointed!</p> <p>Nursery care will be provided for children up to four years of age in the Day Nursery School rooms. If you would like to help with a class or volunteer in the Summer Friendship Gatherings, contact Sue Robinson. We need volunteers July 16 &amp; 23.</p>
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*Again, **THANK YOU** to Christine, Dorothy, Catherine, Kelly, Shann, Shannon, Tim and Marti for volunteering their time to teach our young people about the Bible and Christian way of life!!!!*



### EARTH DAY, 2017

The children celebrated Earth Day making edible crafts: pretzel trees in oreo dirt, teddy bears on a beach yogurt cup and mini earth cupcakes in terra cotta pots. Catherine Bates engaged us all in the Creation Story in the Godly Play Way. **Every day is Earth Day!**



### Beach Day 2017

Memories made at Noank Town Dock Beach Day down at the dock was a picture perfect day to kick back just having fun with our Sunday School friends. Scavenging for treasures and just having fun!!!!





## SAVE THE DATE!

### MAKER FUN FACTORY

Vacation Bible School  
July 31—August 4  
Ages 4-14 (includes Middle Schoolers)





**REGISTRATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE WEBSITE**  
[www.noankbaptistchurch.org](http://www.noankbaptistchurch.org) or  
[www.ubcmystic.org](http://www.ubcmystic.org)  
 Register early!! (cut-off date July 17)

**The Charles Wesley Singers ON TOUR**  
**Union Baptist Church**  
**June 21, 2017 @ 7:30 pm**  
**Hosted by the Youth Co-Op**  
**Coordinated by Music Director, Robin Crandall**  
**(your help is needed! Please read below)**



The Charles Wesley Singers was founded by Rev. Walter Edmonds in 1988 and is now directed by his daughter, Polly Edmonds-Baldrige. The chorus of 60-70 youth singers will perform *Hear My Prayer* by Felix Mendelssohn, an anthem based on the prophetic texts of Isaiah, including an excerpt from *The Peaceable Kingdom* by Randall Thompson, as well as favorite sacred anthems and songs. The congregation will be participating in hymn singing, and perhaps the youth choir will join in to sing an anthem or two. A free-will offering will be collected which is given to missions.

**HOW YOU CAN HELP:**

**HOUSING:** Housing is needed for about **70 youth and adults**. This includes transporting them home with you after the concert; providing sleeping arrangements for the night, breakfast the next morning and transportation back to UBC at a time to be determined.

**DINNER:** A team will prepare dinner for the choir to be served at 6:00 pm on the 21st at UBC in the Fellowship Hall. It will be a pasta and salad meal with pick-up desserts and drinks. We already have a few helpers from UBC, but would welcome more. It would be helpful to have a cooking/serving team and a clean-up team.

**USHERS:** Here is a really easy job! All you need to do is attend the concert, welcome the audience and collect the offering.

If you can help with any of these needs, please contact Robin Crandall by email (NOT TEXT OR PHONE) to let her know (robin6868@gmail.com). Emailing will allow robin to file your responses.

## *2017 Connecticut Early Music Festival*

The 35th season of Connecticut Early Music Festival will be held at Evans Hall, Connecticut College during the month of June. The performances are as follows:

**Friday, June 9 @ 7:30 pm**—Triple Concerti featuring two brilliant soloists, violinist Aisslinn Nosky and cellist Guy Fishman, in concerti by Mozart and Haydn. They will be joined by Artistic Director Ian Watson on the fortepiano in a performance Beethoven's epic Triple Concerto.

**Sunday, June 11 @ 5:00 pm**—Telemann Anniversary Concert celebrating the 250th anniversary of his death.

**Friday, June 16 @ 7:30 pm**—Bach Aline: Suites for Solo Cello featuring renowned cellist Guy Fishman on his fabulous David Techler cello, made in 1704. Truly not to be missed!

**Sunday, June 18 @ 5:00 pm**—Purcell's *Fairy Queen*: Midsummer madness. An actor will keep you abreast of the plot in a marvelous new and updated adaptation.

**Friday, June 23 @ 7:30 pm**—J.S. Bach for Two: Sonatas and solos for violin and harpsichord. Violinist, Aisslinn Nosky will join Ian Watson for an engaging evening of music for violin and harpsichord.

**Sunday, June 25 @ 5:00 pm**—Viva Vivaldi: *The Four Seasons* and more. Susanna Ogata returns as soloist in Vivaldi's *Four Seasons*.

For Tickets and additional information you can call 860-439-2787 or [www.ctearlymusic.org](http://www.ctearlymusic.org).



## OUTCT & PFLAG PASTA DINNER

Thursday, June 15 @ 6:00 pm  
NOANK BAPTIST CHURCH VESTRY



OutCT and PFLAG is pleased to host a Pasta Dinner/  
Fundraiser at NBC on Thursday, June 15 @ 6:00 pm

OutCT is a non-profit organization in Southeastern CT of gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, and queer folk, along with allies who host their Pride Festival at Ocean Beach Park and Annual Fashion Show benefiting their LGBTQ youth center amongst other educational and social events.

PFLAG formally known as Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, is the United States' largest organization for parents, families, friends and allies united with people who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender or queer (LGBTQ).

Both groups will be coming together for the first time to celebrate Pride month with a Pasta Dinner. Learn more about one another in a fun, safe, social environment with guest speakers speaking about their own personal experiences growing up in today's culture. Please join us for a family style pasta dinner that includes pasta, salads, desserts and more!

The event is open to the public. The cost will be \$15. Please join us and celebrate Pride!

## MASH'S 'HOME FIELD ADVANTAGE' GALA HIT A HOME RUN!

MASH thanks everyone who contributed to the success of our gala. With your generous support, we are Preventing Family Homelessness, One Family at a Time. We couldn't do it without you!



### PLANNING AHEAD!!! 6 MONTHS AND COUNTING

Your help is needed. If planting a garden, tomatoes, cucumbers and herbs are need for canning. If you have any jars that you purchased at the bazaar last year, please return them to the church office. All jar and produce donations help defray the cost of jellies and pickles.

Almost any fruit can be made into jelly, so pick some extra for the church bazaar when you pick for yourself. Let Jane Templeton know if you have fruit, tomatoes and cukes from your garden to share. You can contact Jane at 860-691-2004. Thanks in advance.

**We are looking for volunteers who would consider helping either on the various tables and especially with the Silent Auction.**

**Please contact Betsey Goetsch if you can help.**





## *News from the Music Directors*

This has been a wonderful season for all those involved in music at Noank Baptist Church! Particularly notable is the incredible dedication, hard work, and wonderful music presented every week by members of the **Senior**

**Choir.** With great spirit, they've sung selections representing a wide range of styles and time periods; including Jacobus Gallus of the 1500's, George Frideric Handel of the 1700's, William Billings of the 1800's, African-American spirituals of the 1900's, and contemporary sacred choral works of this century. Special thanks to this incredible, all-volunteer group of amazing people, who contribute so much of their time to help make every service special. They are: *Anita Anderson, Wendy Hayes, Wendy Schnur, and Elizabeth Whittaker* (sopranos); *Mary Harris, Kim Johnson, Phyllis Littlefield, Posy Webber, Barb Williams, and Clare Wurm* (altos); *Rev. Paul C. Hayes, Tylene Langslet, Sky Farley, and Steve Garmon*, (tenors), and *Chip Anderson, Fred Anderson, Ed Johnson, Ray Wilbur, and Dave Williams* (basses).

Additional musical dimensions were added to services throughout the year by the newly formed Women's Choir, and by choir members who sang solos or duets (*Mary Harris, Paul and Wendy Hayes, Wendy Schnur, Clare Wurm*). Thanks to all!

We've also been fortunate to have a number of special guest soloists and instrumentalists this season, including soprano *Megan Weikleenget* (Palm Sunday), tenor *Spencer Hamlin* (Fall '16), oboist *Briana Tarby* (May '17), Brass Quartet (Easter), and NBC's own saxophonist extraordinaire *Josh Thomas* (Christmas Eve, and other assorted Sundays).

Special thanks also to the members of the **Youth Choir**, who have worked so hard this year!! Deepest appreciation for their time, hard work and dedication. The extremely talented members are: *Colin Anderson, Keeley Bell, Leah Galouzis, Noah Johnson, Lizzie Lewis, Desirae Rinkes, Ariah Ruggeri, Learra Ruggeri, Hannah Thomas, Austin Thorp, Brandon Thorp, Sydney Weigle, Avery Wyman, and Oliver Wyman*. Due to their continuous improvement, they have been able to sing more and more challenging music (sometimes even in 3 parts) of many different genres, including their first ever acapella song.

Additional thanks to the following instrumentalists who have helped throughout the year: *Ariah Ruggeri, Learra Ruggeri, Hannah Thomas, Avery Wyman, and Conner Wyman*. Thanks for adding another beautiful element to our church worship.

We are very excited for *Desirae* as she continues her journey to college next year! She has been in the youth choir for many years, and will be greatly missed. Good luck Des, we will so miss your beautiful voice and kind heart.

Congratulations on a great year, have a wonderful summer everyone!!!



### *Senior and Youth Choirs*

The summer season will be upon us from June to September. There will be no choir during those months, but there will be various people who will fill in with music and instruments for our enjoyment. The last Senior Choir Rehearsal will be held on **Thursday, June 1** and the last Youth Choir Rehearsal will be held on **Sunday, June 4**. Have a wonderful summer!!!



## May Council News

The Council held their monthly meeting on Wednesday, May 3, 2017 with 11 members present. Pastor Hayes offered an opening prayer.

The minutes from the April meeting were approved with one correction.

Pastor Hayes provided a written report of his many activities. It was noted that on Sunday, April 30, while Pastor Hayes was away at a conference in North Carolina, Rev. Valerie King was to be our guest preacher, but due to illness, Maddie Lewis filled in with Maddie reading the sermon prepared by Rev. Val with "rave reviews".

The Co-Op Youth Director search committee continues to meet regularly. Applications are being reviewed.

Finance reported there were no major or unexpected expenses during the month of April, so the budget continues on target..

### Council Members

Moderator: *Charles Anderson*  
 Clerk: *Bonnie Banks*  
 Treasurer: *Jane Templeton*  
 Asst Treas: *Debbie Bates*  
 Finance: *Nancy Gilmore*  
           *Carol Spunar*  
 Property: *Adrian Johnson*  
             *Jonathan Lane*  
 Spiritual Life: *Valerie King*  
                   *Mary Harris*  
 Comm Life: *Betsy Goetsch*  
               *Steve Gordon*  
 Staff Relations: *Jennifer Johnson*  
 At Large: *Nora Andrews*  
             *Katy Nelsen*  
             *Oliver Porter*  
             *Heather Galouzis*

The Children and Family Ministry remains very busy with plans for the children to participate in the annual Beach Day on May 21 with Children's Sunday celebrated on June 11.

The summer schedule will begin on June 18 with volunteers needed to lead the 8:00 am service.

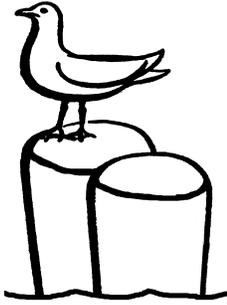
The Brodhead Scholarship fund has received some additional contributions.

The persistent leaks on the east side of the meetinghouse continue to be monitored with plans underway to further attempt to resolve the issue. The steeple is presently the focus of on-going maintenance and repairs as needed. Further work on the driveway and parking lots are being considered.

The next Council meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 7, 2017 at 7:00 pm. All are welcome to attend.

**Full council meeting minutes are available upon request.**

Respectfully submitted  
**Nora Andrews**, substitute clerk



## Our Shoreline Community Association

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West Mystic, CT 06388-0287  
(860) 271-1681 OSCAforSeniors@gmail.com

### THANK YOU NOANK BAPTIST CHURCH!

Thank you for hosting our recent fundraiser at your beautiful church. OSCA's "An Afternoon with Dolley Madison" was very well received by the community. We are so very grateful for Noank Baptist Church's continued support of this vital organization in our community.

OSCA is a 501 C 3 non-profit, membership association whose members and volunteers help each other take care of many of the needs that go along with living independently.

OSCA offers a world of services, solutions and social activities to seniors. If you are 55 years old or better, please consider OSCA! For information, please contact Stephanie Panagos, OSCA Coordinator at (860) 271-1681 or [oscaforseniors@gmail.com](mailto:oscaforseniors@gmail.com).

Submitted By  
*Stephanie Panagos*, OSCA Coordinator



## Camp Wightman 2017

We have 17 children signed up to go to Camp Wightman this summer. All of the youth programs include daily morning watch, Bible exploration, as well as chapel and campfire services. Our campers love these activities that are filled with singing, skits, experiential worship and give them real opportunities to lead! Have a great time!!!!



### Campelodean, July 23-28

Oliver Wyman  
Noah Johnson  
Nathan Johnson  
Lily Johnson  
Jack Race  
Sam Race  
Jullian Mateo  
Jaime Mateo, Jr.  
Keeley Bell  
Alex Galouzis  
Gabe Galouzis  
Leah Galouzis

### Wightman Challenge, July 9-14

Avery Wyman  
Carley Straub  
Ian Straub  
Colin Anderson

### Family Fusion-Youth, July 2-6

Learra Ruggeri

### Counselor

Lizzie Lewis